

Summer Activities

Welcome to Warriors' Path State Park! We hope you will enjoy your visit! While you are with us, we invite you to take advantage of the rich natural beauty and wealth of opportunities for enjoyable recreation here at the park.



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MONDAY, JUNE 19

- 2:00 PM BEACH SEARCH** - The lakeshore is full of tiny beaches, full of signs of wildlife and clues to the people who once traveled here. Each wave brings us new things to find! Meet at the main bath house to begin our natural "treasure hunt."
- 3:30 PM NATURE JOURNAL** - Come create your own little "nature diary." Your home-made book will be a perfect way to remember all your nature fun in the park! Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or the main bath house if it is raining.
- 5:00 PM WALLPAPER BEADS** - With a drop of glue, a bit of paper, and your own creativity, you can produce some beautiful jewelry. Meet at the main bath house.
- 5:30 PM BEAD CRAFT** - Create your own beaded necklace or bracelet. We'll bring the beads, you supply the patient fingers! Meet at the main bath house.
- 7:00 PM MEET THE OWLS** - Meet some real live feathered hunters. Come to the Open Air Chapel and see "whooo..." is waiting for you. If it is raining, meet at the main bath house.
- 9:00 PM NIGHT HIKE TO SINKING WATERS** - It's a whole different world out there at night! Tonight is our chance to discover the peace and the excitement of a night in the Sinking Waters wetland. Bring a dim flashlight and drive to the camper check-in station. We'll carpool out to the park back country.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

- 9:00 AM BIRD WALK** - Let's be "early birds" and catch some new discoveries about park birds. We'll use our eyes and ears to "listen in." Meet at the main bath house to begin our walk through bird country.
- 10:30 AM LEATHER CRAFTS** - Create your own custom-made keychain or bracelet! Meet at the main bath house to design your leather souvenir. (Limit of one per person).
- 12 NOON TURTLE TALK** - Meet some real, live "shelled friends" and find out more about their amazing lives. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.



- 2:00 PM** **CANDLEMAKING** - We don't need candles for light, like the early settlers did. But we can enjoy the skill of making them. Come create a "bright memory" of the early days. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- 3:30 PM** **TOMAHAWK THROWING** - Try your hand at an old-timey skill. Can you hit the "log bullseye?" Meet at the Open Air Chapel.
- 5:00 PM** **TAG** - You're it! You're the one we need to make all these great tag games work. Meet at the Open Air Chapel for all kinds of tag games. If it is raining, meet at the main bath house.
- 6:00 PM** **NATURE THAT POISONS-** Most of nature is safe and fun. But it's good to know about some of the not-so-safe parts of nature. Meet at the open air chapel for a short talk (main bath house if it is raining.)
- 7:00 PM** **RIVERBANK STROLL** -This green river valley has seen generations of travelers. This evening, we'll travel together, and search for signs of the wildlife and the people who came before us. Meet at the main campground bath house.
- 8:00 PM** **NATURE'S CLEANUP CREW** - Come meet some of nature's most important workers - the decomposers. See who's been "cleaning up" out there! Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- 9:00 PM** **TENNESSEE SEASONS** - Enjoy a tour of all four seasons in the hills of Tennessee. With words and pictures, we will experience the excitement of year-round discovery. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it is raining.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

- 9:00 AM** **GOOD MORNING SUNSHINE HIKE** - Wake up to the summer sun and its amazing power for nature and for people. Meet at the main bath house for a bright sunny hike!
- 10:30 AM** **NATURAL DYES** - Nature's awesome colors mean beauty for us. The early settlers wore some of them! Meet at the Open Air Chapel to try your hand at using the same natural materials as they did, for dying cloth. In case of rain, meet at the main bath house.
- 12 NOON** **HONEYSUCKLE WEAVING** - Come try your hand at weaving baskets or bracelets out of old honeysuckle vines! Those old-timey baskets are not as hard to make as they look! Meet at the Main Bath house.
- 3:00 PM** **NATURE GAMES** - Don't miss the natural fun - for the young or the young-at-heart! Meet at the Open Air Chapel for some lively games about our natural world. If it's raining, meet at the main bath house.
- 4:00 PM** **NATURE CRAFTS** - You can make a friend! Create your own creature using natural materials. Meet at the Open Air Chapel (main bath house if it's raining).
- 5:00 PM** **BIKE RIDE TO SHIPLEY CEMETERY** -Long years before this was a park, it was the Shipley family farm. As we visit their family cemetery, and the green hills beyond, we can get a better feeling for their land and their lives. Pedal on down to the camper check-in station. Use your head - remember your helmet!
- 7:30 PM** **MEET THE SNAKES** - They're not the fearsome creatures you've been led to believe! Come and learn the facts about these interesting and helpful animals. Meet at the Open Air Chapel. In case of rain, meet at the main bath house.
- 9:00 PM** **NIGHT SKY SAFARI** - Search the heavens for the glowing objects of the night sky. Bring along a blanket or jacket to rest on. Meet at the Open Air Chapel. If it is raining, we'll share night legends at the pool entrance.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

- 8:30 AM** **WAKE UP WALK** - Yes, it is very early - especially if you are on vacation! But early morning is the best time of day to wake up our senses to life in the forest. Meet at the main bath house for a refreshing morning walk.
- 10:00 AM** **CHARCOAL ART** - With a few artistic tools, and a bit of drawing skill, you can create a beautiful picture of what our park was, and is, and will be. Meet at the main bath house to create a park masterpiece!
- 11:30 AM** **SPOTLIGHT HIKE** - Let's shine our light on some bright natural discoveries. Meet at the campground check-in station to begin a short, sunlit hike.
- 1:30 PM** **EARTHBALL GAMES** - Let's have a ball - a six foot tall ball!! Meet at the Open Air Chapel for some lively, cooperative games. If it rains, we'll have some smaller ball games at the main bath house.
- 2:30 PM** **TEA TIME** - Enjoy an old-timey favorite - Sassafras tea! We'll also "brew up" some memories of the old days along the Warriors' Path. Meet at the Open Air Chapel (or pool entrance if it is raining.)
- 4:00 PM** **NOSING FOR NATURE** - Nature is full of amazing aromas - some things smell great, and some smell terrible! Let's use our noses to "sniff out" some new discoveries. Meet at the Main Bath House.
- 5:00 PM** **AFTERNOON BIRD WALK** - Maybe you missed the "early bird" walk earlier this week. Well, some birds might like to sleep late too! Come this afternoon for . another walk through bird country. Meet at the main bath house.
- 7:00 PM** **OLD TIMEY GAMES** - Enjoy some good-old fun! Try some games from the early settlement days of East Tennessee. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it's raining.
- 9:00 PM** **TENNESSEE TALES** - Enjoy a slide-illustrated talk on Tennessee Folklife, and then share some good-old traditional tall tales. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it rains.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- 9:30 AM** **HIKE TO CHILDRESS TOWN** - A vigorous hike over the high ridges will bring us to the ruins of the first settlement in the park. This will be a three to four hour hike, so wear good walking shoes and comfortable clothes. Drive to the camper check-in station, and we'll carpool to the start of the trail.
- 10:30 AM** **MUD MARBLES** - Before there were toy stores, kids had to build their own fun. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, and we'll turn ordinary mud into great playthings. Later today, when our marbles are dry, we'll try some marble games. In case of rain, meet at the main bath house.
- 2:00 PM** **FALL CREEK WALK** - Lace up those old sneakers! It's time to explore this unique wetland home. Drive to the camper check-in station and we'll carpool to the start of our creek walk. Be prepared to get wet and muddy.
- 4:00 PM** **100 INCH HIKE** - Especially for small, tired feet! Discover life on the tiny side. This will also be a great chance to catch a critter for the races! Meet at the main bath house.
- 4:30 PM** **CRITTER RACE FOR FREEDOM** - Bring your best creepy crawler to the main bath house. They'll all win, because they'll all get their freedom. No pets or flying creatures please.

- 5:00 PM** **MAGNET CRITTERS** - Are you drawn like a magnet to nature? Make your own magnets using natural materials. You will always have a piece of nature in your home! Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining
- 6:00 PM** **INDIAN GAMES** - Let's play some traditional Cherokee games. See what life was like for Native American children, before the days of video games! Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- 7:30 PM** **MUD MARBLE TOURNAMENT** - Meet at the open air chapel to try out those marbles we made this morning. If you missed a chance to make your own, come anyway. We'll have extras! (In case of rain, at the main bath house).
- 9:00 PM** **CHEROKEE CAMPFIRE TALES** - Meet at the campfire circle, and enjoy the stories told by the FIRST travelers along the Warriors' Path. In case of rain, meet at the pool entrance.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

- 9:30 AM** **SINKING WATERS RIDGE HIKE** - Explore succession - the changing face of nature - on the first loop of the Sinking Waters Trail. We'll discover the woodlands changing all around us! Drive to the camper check-in station, and we'll carpool to the start of the trail.
- 12 NOON** **BOAT FLOAT** - Are you ready to sail across ponds and puddles? Meet at the Open Air Chapel to build your own bark boat. Then we'll stroll on down to the shore and watch them set sail. In case of rain, meet at the main bath house.
- 2:00 PM** **"ALIENS" AMONG US** - Not creatures from Mars, but non-native plants and animals. Come find out how these "invaders" traveled here, and how they affect our native species. Meet at the main bath house for a short hike.
- 3:30 PM** **HERBAL AND MEDICINAL PLANTS** - Come see what our ancestors ate and what they used to cure their ills. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

- 9:30 AM** **WORSHIP SERVICE** - Enjoy a peaceful morning worship service at the Open Air Chapel, or at the pool entrance if it is raining. Sponsored by the Colonial Heights Baptist Church.

SPECIAL NOTE: We work hard to make our programs both safe and fun! However, as with any outdoor activity, there is always a risk of personal discomfort or even personal injury. Please use your common sense and care whenever you enjoy activities in the **Great Tennessee Outdoors.**

